## **State of South Dakota**

## EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2006

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## SENATE BILL NO. 159

Introduced by: Senators Gray, Abdallah, Broderick, Kelly, Knudson, Moore, Olson (Ed), Smidt, and Sutton (Dan) and Representatives Cutler, Haley, Hargens, Hennies, Jensen, and Turbiville

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit certain civil penalties on dishonored checks and
- 2 to revise the duties of the state's attorneys with respect thereto.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 22-30A-33 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 22-30A-33. If the drawer of a check does not pay the fees and costs provided for in § 57A-3-
- 6 421 and the amount of the check to the holder of the check within thirty days of the mailing of
- 7 the notice of dishonor, the drawer shall owe to the holder of the check an additional civil penalty
- 8 equal to twice the amount of the check. The the state's attorney may then prosecute the dishonor.
- 9 No state's attorney may collect a civil penalty for prosecuting the dishonor. No state's attorney
- may assign a check for civil collection for violation of §§ 22-30A-24 or 22-30A-25.